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July, 1969.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the District in 1968. Due to the ever-rising costs of printing, the report is now presented in duplicated form, but the general arrangement is as in previous years, with modifications as necessary to text and tables.

The population of the District continues to increase and the estimated mid year population of 22,660 is an increase of 140 on the 1967 estimate, and of 2,841 on the 1961 census. There was a slight reduction in total births (484), giving a crude birth rate of 21.4 and an adjusted rate of 20.3 to compare with a National rate of 16.9. There was an increase in total deaths (261), giving a crude death rate of 11.5 and an adjusted rate of 13.7 to compare with a National rate of 11.9. The total of 10 infant deaths is also rather higher than in 1967, with the infant mortality rate rising to 21.0 (National rate 18.0). However, as indicated in previous reports, one must exercise great caution in interpreting such variations in statistical rates in a comparatively small population.

With the adoption of the eighth revision of the International Classification of Disease by the Registrar General during the year, causes of Death have been regrouped and it is not practicable in a limited space to show accurate comparison with groups as recorded in recent years. As is later recorded, there was also a substantial and long awaited revision of legislation relating to Notification of Infectious Disease. While total notifications of Infectious Disease rose during the year to 204, the rise was entirely due to prevalence of Measles. Save for Measles and the now notifiable Infective Jaundice, only a few other cases of Infectious Disease were notified. Limited quantities of Measles Vaccine were made available from May, 1968 and supplies improved later in the year. Although a fair number of children have been given Measles Vaccine, a number of technical difficulties remain in the production of this material.

Housing clearance in the District proceeded by the representation of 17 houses in 3 clearance areas and 22 individual unfit houses. A total of 51 new houses were completed in the District, including 22 for the Local Authority.

The Council continued to make progress with its phased programme of Smoke Control, and at 31st December, 1968, 4200 premises were included in seven operative Smoke Control Areas.

During the year the new sewer through Woodhouses was completed and the sewage works reconstructed. However, most of the work of connecting drains to the sewer and conversion of Pail Closets remains to be carried out, and there is still the problem of to what extent, and on what terms, piggery effluent can be accepted into the sewer.

Although not the direct responsibility of the Failsworth Council, members may wish to be advised that there were lengthy negotiations during the year on possible siting of a new Health Centre to replace Firs Hall Clinic and accommodate those General Practitioners who wish to use a centre. At the time of writing provisional agreement has been reached on a site in the Council's Central Development Area to the West of the Town Hall.

The Council authorised continued discussions between its Officers, and those of other Authorities on future Refuse Disposal arrangements. The District is however fortunate in having foreseen the need for adequate tipping space, and having secured enough land to avoid embarrassment pending any decision regarding regional refuse disposal.

I must thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, Mr. Monks and other members of the Public Health Department staff for their continued loyalty and support during the year. I must especially record my thanks to Mr. Walton, who retired on 31st December, 1968, for his ever willing assistance and sound Counsel in any matter pertaining to the Health Department. Finally I must again thank the staff of the Department for their assistance in compiling this report.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GILBERT R. BRACKENRIDGE,

Medical Officer of Health.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT

Failsworth is a compact Urban District of 1,663 acres, of which approximately nine acres are covered with water.

There is a gradual rise from 286 feet above sea level at the Manchester extremity to 354 feet above sea level at the Oldham extremity.

The District is divided into five wards, namely, North, South, East, West and Lower.

The sub-soil is chiefly clay, with sand and gravel in places overlying the coal measures.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres)	1,663
Population (Census, 1961)	19,819
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate for mid-year, 1968) ...	22,660
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1968) according to Rate Books	8,336
Rateable Value (end of 1968)	£ 712,395
Sum represented by a ld. Rate (end of 1968) estimated	£ 2,775

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births (Total)	484
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	Males	Females
Legitimate	235	225
Illegitimate	13	11

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population:-

Crude rate	21.4
Adjusted rate	20.3

(Comparability Factor 0.95)

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4.9
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Stillbirths	5
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	10.0
Total live and stillbirths	489
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	10
	Males Females
Legitimate	6 3
Illegitimate	- 1

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	21.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	19.6
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	41.3
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	14.0
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	14.0
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	25.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	Nil
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	Nil
Total deaths (all ages)	261
Death rate per 1,000 population:-	
Crude rate	11.5
Adjusted rate	13.7
(Comparability Factor 1.19)	

Principal Causes of Death:-

Diseases of Heart and Circulation	95
Cancer of all sites	59
Diseases of Respiratory System	36
Cerebro Vascular Disease	35

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

(Rates are as defined on Previous Table)

		1968	1967	1966	1958
Live Births	No. Adj. Rate	484 20.3	500 21.1	450 19.2	305 15.8
Stillbirths	No. Rate	5 10.0	6 12.0	8 17.5	2 6.5
Total Live and Still Births	No.	489	506	458	307
Total Infant Deaths	No. Rate	10 21.0	8 16.0	8 17.8	5 16.4
Maternal Deaths	No. Rate	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Total Deaths	No. Adj. Rate	261 13.7	238 12.7	278 14.6	213 13.6

REGISTRAR - GENERAL'S RETURN

Causes of Death for 1968.

Cause	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	-	2
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases .	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasms - Stomach	8	3	11
Malignant Neoplasms - Lung or Bronchus .	17	3	20
Malignant Neoplasms - Breast	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasms - Uterus	-	3	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	12	9	21
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1	1
Anaemias	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	3	5
Hypertensive Disease	4	1	5
Ischaemic Heart Disease	31	36	67
Other Forms of Heart Disease	5	6	11
Cerebrovascular Disease	10	25	35
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	4	3	7
Pneumonia	8	12	20
Bronchitis and Emphysema	11	1	12
Asthma	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of the Liver	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	1	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	-	3
Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System	-	3	3
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	2	1	3
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	3	1	4
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	3	3
All Other Accidents	-	4	4
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	-	1
All Other External Causes	1	-	1
	132	129	261

DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHSDEATHS - BY AGE GROUPS

Years	1968			1967	1963	1958
	M	F	Total			
Under 4 weeks ..	4	3	7	6	4	3
4 weeks and under 1 year ...	2	1	3	2	4	2
1 - 4	-	-	-	-	1	1
5 - 14	1	-	1	-	-	1
15 - 24	-	2	2	-	-	-
25 - 34	-	2	2	1	} 8	11
35 - 44	4	5	9	3		
45 - 54	12	10	22	15	} 63	59
55 - 64	35	11	46	50		
65 - 74	45	35	80	73	53	} 136
75 and over	29	60	89	88	94	
TOTALS...	132	129	261	238	227	213

INFANT DEATHS (Deaths under 1 year of age)

Cause of Death	Under 1 day	1 to 6 days	1 to 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	4 to 12 months	Total
Cerebral Asphyxia	-	1	-	-	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	2	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	2	3
Prematurity	3	1	-	-	-	4
	5	2	-	1	2	10

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES, 1968.

Part III of the Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968 as amplified by the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1968, became operative from 1st October, 1968.

Under this new legislation, the lists of notifiable infectious diseases have been revised with the principal changes as follows:-

1. Pneumonia, rheumatism, erysipelas, croup and puerperal pyrexia - not notifiable after 30th September, 1968.
2. Leptospirosis, tetanus, yellow fever, and (from 1st June, 1968), Infective Jaundice - now notifiable.
3. Certain changes in nomenclature, e.g. acute meningitis replacing meningococcal infection.

The full revised list of diseases notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health is now as follows :-

Anthrax	Paratyphoid Fever
Cholera	Plague
Diphtheria	Poliomyelitis (acute)
Dysentery	Relapsing Fever
Encephalitis (acute)	Scarlet Fever
Food Poisoning	Smallpox
Infective Jaundice	Tetanus
Leprosy	Tuberculosis
Leptospirosis	Typhoid Fever
Malaria	Typhus
Measles	Whooping Cough
Meningitis (acute)	Yellow Fever
Ophthalmia neonatorum	

<u>Diseases Notified.</u>		<u>No. of cases.</u>			
		<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1958</u>
Dysentery		2	26	-	62
(A) Erysipelas		-	-	-	2
Food Poisoning		2	-	-	-
(C) Infective Jaundice		15	-	-	-
Measles		164	83	208	212
(D) Meningitis (Acute)		-	-	1	1
(A) Pneumonia		2	5	12	14
(A) Puerperal Pyrexia		-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever		6	12	6	28
Tuberculosis		9	6	9	15
Whooping Cough		4	21	31	1
TOTALS		204	154	268	335

Reference.

- (A) Notifiable up to 30th September, 1968.
 (B) Notifiable from 1st October, 1968.
 (C) Notifiable from 1st June, 1968.
 (D) Previously listed as Meningococcal Infection.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR, 1968.

Diseases	Number of Cases Notified										
	Age Periods - Years.										
	Total Cases	0	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 and over	Age Unknown
Dysentery	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
(C) Infective Jaundice	15	-	-	-	-	3	6	2	3	1	-
Measles	164	10	19	33	26	20	52	2	1	-	1
(A) Pneumonia	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever	6	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	195	11	19	34	29	24	65	4	4	4	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES - GENERAL

There was an increase in total notifications of Infectious Diseases in the District during the year, due principally to the increase in the number of notifications of Measles.

INFECTIVE JAUNDICE

Following this disease being made notifiable, a total of 15 cases were notified in the last seven months of the year.

ACUTE PNEUMONIA (Primary and Influenzal)

Two cases were notified. This disease ceased to be notifiable on 30th September, 1968.

POLIOMYELITIS

No case occurred in the district for the Ninth successive year, nor was there any outbreak in surrounding districts, but, with the virtual disappearance of poliomyelitis as an endemic disease, there has been a considerable decline in public interest in vaccination.

SMALLPOX

With only some 25% of infants receiving routine primary vaccination, community resistance to this disease is totally inadequate.

MENINGITIS (ACUTE)

No case occurred during the year.

MEASLES

There was an appreciable increase in the incidence of measles during the year, total notifications being 164 as against 83 in 1967.

WHOOPIING COUGH

During the year 4 cases were notified. This is a noticeable reduction and as mentioned in previous annual reports, this disease could be virtually eliminated if parents secure routine immunisation for children in early infancy.

DYSENTERY

Two cases were notified during the year. It is, however, necessary to emphasise that, because of the mild nature of many cases, these may not be brought to the attention of the Health Department via General Practitioners. The disease, although seldom dangerous, has a considerable nuisance value, especially in nurseries and infant schools.

FOOD POISONING

Two cases were notified during the year, but although food poisoning organisms were isolated, investigations failed to connect the cases with any particular food.

PATHOLOGICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

Any necessary specimens are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, which is situated at Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester, 20.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47.

No action was taken under this Section during the year.

TUBERCULOSISNew Cases and Mortality During 1968.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 weeks and under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 4 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 9 "	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 to 14 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 24 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 34 "	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 44 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 54 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 64 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 to 74 "	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	6	3	-	-	2	-	-	-
	9		-		2		-	

There were 9 new cases notified during the year, and at the end of the year there were 37 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 8 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis on the Register.

No action has been necessary relating to tuberculosis of employees in the milk trade, nor for the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from the disease.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

FOR THE AREA

The following services are administered by the Lancashire County Council through the No. 14 Health Divisional Office at "Tylon", Middleton Road, Chadderton:-

Maternity and Child Health,
Midwifery,
Mental Health,
Home Help,
Health Visiting

Ambulance,
School Health Service,
Care of the Aged,
General Welfare Services,
District Nursing

MATERNITY SERVICE

Four District Midwifery Sisters are currently employed in the District, these are: Miss E. Brownlow, 324 Ashton Road East, Failsworth (681 1739), Mrs. J. Giblin, 6 Rising Lane, Garden Suburb, Oldham (633 3000), Mrs. F. M. M. Hughes, 7 Fern Close, off Bridge Street, Springhead (624 0839), Mrs. E. M. D. Watkins, 495 Medlock Road, Woodhouses, Failsworth (681 6644).

The ante-natal clinic is held at Firs Hall Clinic, Oldham Road, Failsworth, on Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

HEALTH VISITORS AND SCHOOL NURSES

Two full-time Health Visitor/School Nurses are based at Firs Hall Clinic and work in the district. They are assisted by one part-time School Nurse.

CLINICS

Regular sessions of the following clinics are held at Firs Hall, Oldham Road, Failsworth (681 1013), as follows:-

Ante and Post-Natal: Every Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Maternity and Child Welfare: Every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m.

IMMUNISATION

Ideally, all children under 2 years of age should receive immunisation

IMMUNISATION (Continued)

against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis and Smallpox, with reinforcement doses at recommended intervals B.C.G. Vaccine (against Tuberculosis) is recommended to older children (12 to 15 years) who have no acquired resistance to Tuberculosis. Limited quantities of Measles Vaccine were also made available from May, 1968, but certain difficulties have been found in the manufacture of a satisfactory vaccine.

Arrangements for immunisation can be made at Firs Hall Clinic, or with General Practitioners.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The Divisional Medical Officer and the Assistant Divisional Medical Officer are also School Medical Officers and Clinics are held at Firs Hall, as follows:-

Minor Ailments: Every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. and Thursday morning at 10 a.m.

Ophthalmic and Orthodontic Clinics attended by appointment only.

A School Dental Officer is in attendance each morning. Treatment is by appointment only.

CHILDREN'S ACT

The Area Children's Office for this District is at Jowett's Walk, Manchester Road, Ashton-Under-Lyne (330 4338).

DAY NURSERIES

There are two day nurseries, one of 37 place accommodation at Oldham Road and one of 50 place accommodation at Totton Road, which are the responsibility of the County Council. There is no industrial day nursery now open in the District.

AMBULANCE

Ambulances serving the District are based at Middleton, Crompton and Ashton ambulance stations, and are under Radio Control from Whitefield Ambulance Control Centre (766 6666).

HOME HELP SERVICE

This service is primarily intended to provide assistance in the home where necessary because of illness, infirmity or advanced age. Applications for the services of a Home Help should be made to the Divisional Medical Officer.

HOME NURSING SERVICE

Three District Nursing Sisters, Mrs. M. R. Diggle, 17 Wood Street, Middleton Junction (643 6893), Mrs. E. Hembrough, 2 Palin Wood Road, Seven-acres, Delph (Delph 816) and Mrs. P. A. Mayrick, Ballgrove Cottage, Uppermill (458 4924), together with District Nurses (S.E.N.) Mrs. R. Lucas, 80 Thomas Street, Lees, (624 5668) and Mrs. J. Metcalf, 153 Old Road, Failsworth (681 2573) are routinely employed in the District. A further two nurses provide relief services in the Division generally, and the services of a Male District Charge Nurse are available if required in particular cases.

CONVALESCENCE

The Lancashire County Council make arrangements for certain categories of convalescent patients to have periods at convalescent homes on the recommendation of the general practitioner.

UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

Provision for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council in conjunction with Voluntary Moral Welfare Organisations.

WELFARE SERVICE

The Lancashire County Council now provide eight homes for the elderly. Six are situated within the Division and two in the Oldham County Borough.

The 51 place home, "Brierfields", in Brierley Avenue, Failsworth, was opened in March, 1965. There is currently a long waiting list for admission to such residential accommodation.

The statutory services comprising health visitors, district nurses, home helps and laundry service, co-operate with the voluntary bodies providing meals-on-wheels, etc., in order to enable old people to continue living in their own homes.

BLIND WELFARE

Statutory services for the Blind were provided in the District by the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society as agents for the Lancashire County Council until 31st December, 1968. Since 1st January, 1969, the services have been provided directly by the County Council.

TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Clinic is situated in the Oldham and District General Hospital, where all suspected cases of Tuberculosis are referred. X-ray facilities are available at the Clinic.

HOSPITAL SERVICE

There is no hospital within the Urban District, Residents of Failsworth requiring hospital care are normally admitted to Oldham or Manchester hospitals.

Cases of Infectious Disease requiring hospital care are now admitted to Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Failsworth.

July, 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Sanitary Circumstances of the District and the work done by the staff of the Health Department during 1968.

The Council's policy of continuing with the great health measure of Smoke Control is now generally accepted and appreciated by the general public and many enquiries are being received regarding the extent and timing of future areas.

The Refuse Collection service has been well maintained throughout the year although at times this was made difficult due to labour shortages and the increase in the amount of discarded bulky refuse.

The facilities offered to residents of Failsworth to deposit unwanted refuse on the Council's tip adjoining Broadway has only had a limited effect on the number of requests for removal of this type of refuse due to the difficulty of transport although, unfortunately, some irresponsible people appear to find no difficulty in finding transport to dump rubbish on vacant plots of land throughout the District.

The provisions of the Civic Amenities Act, 1967 regarding removal of abandoned motor vehicles came into force in July, 1968 and the Council's scheme for removal of old motor cars has worked quite satisfactorily. Forty five motor vehicles have been removed and disposed of at a car breaker's yard by arrangement with the owners and 9 have been disposed of after statutory action.

The whole of the sewerage system was treated with Fluoroacetamide and the repeated poisoning of rats with this substance is having a definite effect on the rat population.

Warfarin is still effective in dealing with the surface infestations by rats, but has very little effect on mice.

WILFRED L. MONKS,

Senior Public Health Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

WATER SUPPLY

All dwellinghouses in the District are supplied direct from water mains. The District is supplied by the West Pennine Water Board and Manchester Corporation.

Twenty-two samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination by the Water Undertakings. All were reported to be satisfactory.

Some complaints are still being received regarding low water pressure due to silting up of the service pipes to the houses. The responsibility for maintaining these pipes is the owner's. At least one firm of plumbers is successfully coping with cleaning of water pipes by chemical means. This system reduced the labour and is quite inexpensive as compared with the old method of cutting the pipes and rodding.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The River Medlock adjoins the Sewage Works, and receives the sewage effluent. It flows along the South-East border of the District. On the opposite boundary of the District is the Moston Brook, which flows into the River Irk.

A smaller brook, named Lord's Brook, flows into the Medlock, and another small stream occurs near the Cemetery.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

All drains are examined before being covered in, and smoke or water tests applied where applicable.

The sewers in the district are partly brick and partly pipe. Most of the storm water finds its way into the sewers. They are periodically flushed and are ventilated by open manholes and gratings. House drains are well trapped and soil pipes are properly ventilated. The sewage is treated at the Council's Sewage Works which has been reconstructed. The dry-weather flow of sewage exceeds 1,750,000 gallons per day.

The new sewer in Woodhouses was completed during the year, but much of the work of connecting the drains to the sewer and the work of converting

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE (Continued)

the pail closets to fresh water closets still remained to be carried out.

Lord's Brook, which flows through Failsworth and joins the River Medlock, is seriously polluted before entering the District, but it is further polluted, however, by drainage from houses, farms and piggeries on the West side of Medlock Road. The drainage from the houses, farms and piggeries on the East side of Medlock Road finds its way to the River Medlock. The pollution from the houses will resolve itself, but the pollution from the farms and piggeries will still be a problem.

FARMS AND SWILL BOILING PLANTS

Although at times the smell of pigs and boiling swill is noticeable, particularly to new residents in Woodhouses, the farmers appear to be endeavouring to keep the smell within reasonable limits and the standard of the premises is being well maintained.

Thirtyfive inspections were made to 16 Waste Food Boiling Plants registered under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The following table shows the appropriate number of the various sanitary conveniences in the district at the close of the year:-

CLOSETS	Houses and Shops	Public B'd'gs & Rec. G'ds.	Factories	TOTALS
Privy-midden closets	-	-	-	-
Pail closets	133	13	1	147
Fresh water closets	9273	224	661	10,158
Waste water closets	-	-	-	-
Trough closets . . .	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ..	9406	237	662	10,305

Now that the sewer has been completed in Woodhouses most of the pail closets will be converted to freshwater closets or abolished in the near future.

It is pleasing to be able to report that the trough closets at St. John's Church of England School have been abolished.

The following table shows the approximate number of various refuse receptacles:-

REFUSE RECEPTACLES	Houses and Shops	Public B'd'gs & Rec. G'ds.	Factories	TOTALS
Privy-middens (covered)	-	-	-	-
Dry ashpits (covered)	-	-	-	-
Metal Ashbins .. .	9153	107	134	9394
TOTALS	9153	107	134	9394

PUBLIC CLEANSING

One Blenheim 11/15 cu. yd., two Ramillies 20 cu. yd. and one Ramillies 25 cu. yd. compression rear loading Karrier Bantam Refuse collectors are employed full-time on the collection of refuse. Two additional Karrier Bantams are used as spare vehicles for emergencies and removal of larger type refuse.

A Karrier Bantam 10/11 cu. yd. side loading refuse collection vehicle was placed on order for delivery in 1969.

A special once-weekly collection of paper salvage is made from certain shops and business premises, but generally trade refuse and salvage are collected during the normal course of the house refuse collection service.

The personnel of the Department is 25, comprising a foreman, four drivers, sixteen ashbin men, two tip attendants, one rodent operator and one paper baler.

Refuse is collected from approximately 8,551 premises and a regular weekly collection has been maintained apart from the holiday periods.

A special free collection of refuse too bulky to be put into the dustbin has been in operation for some years. The amount of discarded furniture etc. is on the increase, ranging from odd pieces to the complete contents of houses and 993 special collections were made during 1968.

The Council have operated a scheme for the maintenance of dustbins as a charge upon the general rate fund since 1st April, 1949; 647 dustbins were provided under the scheme during the past year.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on low-lying land near Broadway, adjoining the Manchester Boundary.

A Bristol Taurus tractor with a forward loading bucket is used to control the tip, and a refuse collection vehicle which has been taken out of service is used for conveyance of covering material excavated from the old portion of the tip.

One hundred and forty seven pail closets are emptied weekly by one of the refuse collection vehicles to which is attached a trailer tank for the purpose.

The tank is emptied in the Council yard into a manhole connected to the main sewer.

13 tons 9 cwts. 2 qtrs. of Mixed Waste Paper was collected during 1968 and realised the sum of £107 16s. Od.

A Karrier Yorkshire Diesel engined 1000 gallons capacity combined gully and cesspit emptier is used for the regular and efficient cleansing of street gullies. Cesspools are emptied on requests.

Street Cleansing is carried out with a Johnston Suction Sweeper supplemented by 2 street orderlies.

ABANDONED AND UNWANTED MOTOR CARS

54 old motor cars were removed and disposed of during the year.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1968.

INSPECTIONS		No. of Notices Served		Results of Service of Notices		
Nature of	Number of	Notices Served		Complied with		
		Informal	Statutory	By owner or occupier	By Council	Outstanding
Water supply	272	13	-	13	-	-
Drainage	331	39	-	39	-	-
Piggeries	60	-	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	27	-	-	-	-	-
Tents, Vans and Sheds	16	2	-	2	-	-
Factories	40	2	-	2	-	-
Outworkers	24	-	-	-	-	-
Refuse Collection	230	-	-	-	-	-
Refuse Disposal	85	-	-	-	-	-
Smoke Control Orders	1238	-	8	8	-	-
Smoke Observations	10	-	-	-	-	-
Rats and Mice	1110	-	-	-	-	-
Schools	12	-	-	-	-	-
Shops Act	287	-	-	-	-	-
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	55	-	-	-	-	-
Interviews	431	-	-	-	-	-
Dwelling houses	167	54	-	35	-	19
Revisits to Property	292	-	-	-	-	-
Insect Pests	66	-	-	-	-	-
Infectious Disease	37	-	-	-	-	-
Visits to Premises where food is prepared, sold or stored (including vehicles)	160	5	-	5	-	-
Visits to Ice Cream premises	40	-	-	-	-	-
Food Inspections	25	-	-	-	-	-
Derelict Motor Cars	201	45	9	-	54	-
Noise	54	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	197	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	5467	160	17	104	54	19

DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1968.DWELLING HOUSES

	No.
Infested with Cockroaches, etc.	66
Kitchen ranges, fireplaces and flues	4
Defective plaster	-
Defective ceiling plaster	2
Floors and stairs	2
Doors, windows and cords	31
Damp walls	15
Waste pipes and channels	2
Roofs	16
Pointing and brickwork of walls	9
Yard paving and paths	1
Rainwater pipes and eaves gutters	34
Drains cleansed or repaired	31
Defective W.C. apparatus and buildings	6
Defective chimney stacks	-
Defective water supply and cisterns	29
Defective ashbins	647
Offensive accumulations	3
Miscellaneous	11

FACTORIES

Unsuitable of defective sanitary accommodation ...	2
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FOOD PREMISES

Cleansing	2
Structural defects	1
Washbasins	3
Sinks	2

Complaints received and investigated	505
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MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are no Licenced sites within the District, but there has been some movement of caravans into the District during the year, settling on one unauthorised site without water, drainage or sanitary accommodation of any kind and consequently causing serious nuisance and the owner eventually had to enforce their removal.

If caravans are to be accepted as permanent dwellings, then it is essential that suitable sites be provided, preferably on a Regional basis.

CLEAN AIR

Ten smoke observations were taken during the year, but no legal action was necessary.

The Council is a member of a joint Committee for the Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution comprising 29 Authorities and apparatus is installed at 36 sites.

The Failsworth No. 7 (Woodhouses) Smoke Control Order, 1967 was confirmed and came into operation on 1st November, 1968; and the Failsworth No. 8 (Richmond Road) Smoke Control Order, 1968 was submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for approval.

DISINFESTATION

Sixty-six houses were treated with insecticides containing D.D.T., Malathion, Dieldrin, Arprocarb or Gammexane, 55 were infested with Cockroaches.

RODENT CONTROL

One trained Rodent Operator is employed part-time on this work.

Great difficulty is still being encountered in the extermination of mice as, in Failsworth, they are resistant to Warfarin.

The South East Lancashire Advisory Committee meets twice yearly, under the auspices of the Divisional Pests Officer; joint action is planned between representatives when necessary.

The following table shows the number of inspections and treatments carried out during the period under review:-

	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
(a) No. of properties in district	8,711	18
(b) No. of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification ..	374	3
(c) No. of (b) infested by - Rats	79	3
Mice	212	-
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	20	15
(e) No. of (d) infested by - Rats	5	-
Mice	2	-

During 1968 the whole of the Sewerage System was treated with Fluoroacetamide by Rentokil Laboratories Limited.

SCHOOLS

There were twelve schools in the District at the end of the year:-

County Modern Secondary School for Boys (Partington Street);
 County Modern Secondary School for Girls (Ashton Road East);
 Mather Street County School (Junior Mixed and Infants);
 Stansfield Road County School (Junior Mixed and Infants);
 Stansfield Road County School (Infants Annexe), Mersey Road;
 South Failsworth County School (Junior Mixed and Infants);
 St. John's Church of England School (Junior Mixed and Infants)
 Ashton Road East;
 St. John's Church of England School (Junior Mixed), James Street
 Holy Trinity Church of England School (Junior Mixed and Infants);
 St. Mary's Roman Catholic School (Senior Mixed);
 St. Mary's Roman Catholic School, Clive Road (Junior Mixed and Infants);
 Woodhouses Voluntary Primary School.

All schools are provided with piped water supply and are on the water carriage system.

HOUSINGNumber of Dwellings erected during the year:-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Flats</u>
(a) By the Local Authority	22	-
(b) By other Local Authorities	-	-
(c) By other bodies or persons	29	-

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:-

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected, formally or informally, for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 151
- (b) Number of Inspections, formal or informal made for the purpose 459
- (c) Number of houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit 50
2. Total number of dwellinghouses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit, and in respect of which
 - (a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time) 26
 - (b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made 212

Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957)

- (a) Number of dwellinghouses included in Clearance Areas represented to the Council 17
- (b) Number of dwellinghouses demolished during the year :-

Unfit houses	6
Other houses	Nil
- (c) Number of persons displaced 31
- (d) Number of families displaced 11

Houses not included in Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957)

1.	Number of houses represented to the Council as being unfit	22
2.	Houses demolished or closed during the year:-	
(a)	Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure, Section 17(1)	4
(b)	Closed under Section 16(4), 17(1), 35 (1)	Nil
(c)	Parts of Buildings closed (Section 18)	Nil
(d)	Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 17(3) and 26	Nil
(e)	Persons Displaced	33
(f)	Families Displaced	10

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied:-

(a)	After informal action by Local Authority	53
(b)	After service of formal notice under :-	
	Public Health Acts - By owner	Nil
	By Local Authority	Nil
	Housing Act 1957 (Sections 9 and 16) - By owner	Nil
	By Local Authority	Nil
(c)	After action under Section 24 - Housing Act, 1957.	
	Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders Revoked	Nil

Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957).

(a)	Number of houses at end of year retained for temporary accommodation	Nil
(b)	Number of separate dwellings contained in (1) above	Nil
(c)	Number of houses at end of year licensed for temporary occupation	Nil

Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 -
Improvement Grants, etc. :-

Action during year Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants.

	<u>No. of dwellings or other buildings affected</u>
(a) Applications submitted to Local Authority - Full Standard	77
(b) Applications approved by Local Authority - Full Standard	77
(c) Work completed Full Standard	108

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

The Milk (Special Designation) (Specified Areas) (No. 3) Order, 1953 came into force on 1st January, 1954, consequently the use of a Special Designation is compulsory with regard to all milk sold by retail in the District.

Particulars of registrations made and licences granted under the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations are as follows:-

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959 :-

No. of Registered Distributors operating from:

(a) Dairies in district	2
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies ..	54
(c) Premises outside the district	1

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960:

As from 1st January, 1961, all licences to use the designations Pasteurised, Sterilised or Untreated are issued by the Lancashire County Council as follows:-

Pasteurised, Sterilised and Ultra Heat Treated	1
Pasteurised and Sterilised	15
Pasteurised	1
Sterilised	42
Untreated, Pasteurised and Sterilised	6
Ultra Heat Treated and Sterilised	4

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16 and the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959 and 1963 :

Ice Cream

No. of premises registered to sell Ice Cream ..	75
No. of Inspections	40

Sausages and Preserved Foods.

No. of premises registered for the preparation of sausages etc.	15
No. of Inspections	20

The premises and storage accommodation were found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

Meat and Other Foods

No. of food premises in the district at the end of 1968:

Type of Business	(a) No. of premises	(b) No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (Wash- Hand Basins)	(c) No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies (Sinks)	(d) No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19
General grocers and provision dealers	64	64	30	30
Greengrocers and fruiterers including those selling wet fish, game etc.	24	24	24	24
Meat shops (butchers and purveyors of cooked meats, etc.)	23	23	23	23
Bakers and Confectioners	9	9	9	9
Fried Fish Shops	20	20	20	20
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream, etc.	26	26	-	-
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments	52	52	52	52

Bye-Laws for securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly Conditions and Practices in connection with Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air, came into operation on the 17th July, 1950, and the provisions are generally well observed.

There are no licensed Slaughterhouses in the district. It has been necessary from time to time, however, to inspect carcasses of pigs which have been slaughtered for reasons of emergency on pig farms.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned within the District.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Swallows	Pigs
Number killed	-	-	-	-	8
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	8
All diseases except Tuberculosis :-					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	37%
Tuberculosis only :-					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-

Butcher's shops were regularly inspected. Premises and equipment were generally maintained at a high standard of cleanliness and the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations well observed.

The following table gives the quantity of meat and other food seized or surrendered during the year upon being found unfit for human consumption:-

	<u>Weight Condemned</u>			
	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qtrs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>	<u>Ozs.</u>
Chicken			3	3
Fish		1	19	0
Ham		1	8	4
Meat and Offal	4	2	5	0
Tinned Fruit			2	6
Tinned Vegetables			5	11
Turkeys	1	1	10	10
TOTALS	6	2	26	2

BAKEHOUSES

There are 6 in the district at the present time. All were frequently inspected, and were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The Lancashire County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority, and the undernoted particulars of the sampling carried out under the provisions of the above Act in Failsworth during the year, 1968 were supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 79 samples was obtained comprising 39 milks (of which four were Channel Islands Milk) and 40 others as follows:-

1 Shandy, bottled	1 Beef Sausages
1 Cornish Pasties	1 Pork Sausages
1 Jam Sponge Pudding	2 Potted Meat
2 Flour Confectionery	1 Cheese
1 Mineral Water, bottled	1 Bread Rolls
1 Jam	1 Butter
1 Sterilised Cream	1 Biscuits
1 Beans in Tomato Sauce, Canned	1 Meat with Gravy, canned
1 Table jelly	1 Meat, canned
1 Coffee Extract, dry	2 Mineral water, canned
1 Sago	1 Dried Fruit
1 Cornflour	2 Sweets
1 Pickles	1 Tomato Puree, canned
1 Fish, canned	1 Coffee
1 Fish spread	1 Fruit curd
1 Cocktail base, sweetened	1 Cocktail cherries
1 Double Cream	1 Peas, canned
2 Fresh fruit	

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports :-

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Informal Milk	Contained 0.15 International unit penicillin per ml.	Formal sample obtained.
Peas, canned	Contained a small beetle, Bruchos pisorum or pea beetle.	Complainant informed.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Informal Milk	The bottle was stained with a band approximately 1" wide and extending all the way up the inside of the bottle and over a small area of the outside, of insoluble iron particles, together with a small amount of silica - possibly derived from a sharpening wheel. There was no loose deposit in the bottle and no evidence of iron dissolved in the milk.	Complainant informed and dairy cautioned
Shandy, bottled	Alcohol 0.85% Proof Spirit. Recommended standard for alcohol content 1.5% proof.	Manufacturers communicated with
Potted Meat	Meat and Gelatine 60%. Added water 40%. Consisted of a brawn and not potted meat. Recommended standard for potted meat prescribes 95% meat.	Vendor notified

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The only offensive trade in the district is a tripe boiling premises which has been in existence for a considerable time.

The premises have been kept under constant supervision in an effort to maintain them at a reasonable standard.

RAG FLOCK ACTS, 1911 to 1951

There are no premises in the District at which rag flock is manufactured, used, or sold.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no swimming baths in the District. Failsworth residents use the baths in the adjoining districts of Manchester, Oldham and Chadderton.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the
Factories Act, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections, for the purpose of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number of			
	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Prose- cutions
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	2	2	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	85	35	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	3	3	-	-
TOTALS	90	40	-	-

2. Defects found.

Premises	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	2	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	2	-	2	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAYPREMISES ACT, 1963.

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the Year	Total Number of Registered Premises at End of Year	Number of Registered Premises Receiving a General Inspection
Offices	Nil	16	Nil
Retail Shops	2	85	16
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	Nil	10	Nil
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	Nil	21	20
Fuel Storage Depots ..	Nil	Nil	Nil

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS TO REGISTERED PREMISES - 55

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	294
Retail Shops	667
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses ...	521
Catering Establishments open to the public	115
Canteens	31
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil
TOTAL	1628
TOTAL MALES	806
TOTAL FEMALES	822

EXEMPTIONS - IN RELATION TO SPACE, TEMPERATURE,
SANITARY AND WASHING FACILITIES

No. of Exemptions current at end of 1968	Nil
No. of Applications for Exemptions	Nil
No. of Applications granted or extended during the year ...	Nil
No. of Applications refused or Exemptions withdrawn during the year	Nil
Prosecutions during year	Nil

BYE-LAWS AND ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

Cemetery Regulations and Charges (with amendments 1941, 1949 and 1963)	March, 1928
Tents, Vans and Sheds and Similar Structures	12th October, 1928
Parks and Pleasure Grounds	4th February, 1948
Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air	17th July, 1950
Lancashire County Council - Good Rule and Government and Prevention of Nuisances	1st May, 1954
Private Slaughterhouses - Sanitary Conditions and Management..	1st October, 1956
Prohibiting the putting of Litter into Streams	1st March, 1956
Clean Air Act, 1956 - Section 24 Appliances in New Buildings	1st September, 1958
Hackney Carriages	1st August, 1961
Removal Through Streets of Offensive and Noxious Matter or Liquids	1st October, 1961
Nuisances and Keeping of Animals	1st July, 1962
Public Library (Section 19 of the Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964)	31st January, 1967
The Public Health Acts Amendments Act, 1890:- Part III	1st June, 1896
Part IV	1st August, 1912
The Public Libraries Acts, 1892 and 1901	1st December, 1903
The Private Streets Works Act, 1892	1st April, 1907
The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907:- Section 86	31st December, 1912
Section 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 (Part II)	21st March, 1913
* Section 30 is subject to certain conditions and adaptations.	
Section 95 (Part X)	21st March, 1913
Section 76 and 77 Comprised in Part VI	18th July, 1922
Section 19	1944
The Public Health Act, 1925 :- Part II except Sections 21 and 22	1st June, 1926
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923	2nd April, 1947
Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932 (Extension to Failsworth of Section 1)	1949
Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951	27th March, 1952
Private Places of Entertainment (Licencing) Act, 1967	9th October, 1967
The Theatres Act, 1968	June, 1969

